



Building Stronger and Safer

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program

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FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program provides funding to States, Indian tribal governments, territories, and local governments for implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation planning and projects before disasters occur. Authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief Act, the goal of the PDM program is to reduce the overall risk to people and property from future disasters, while also reducing reliance on funding from disaster declarations.

Range of activities eligible for funding

Planning activities that develop State, Indian tribal, local, and university hazard mitigation plans that meet planning criteria are eligible for the PDM program. A FEMA-approved mitigation plan is required in order to receive project grants. Eligible mitigation projects include:

- Voluntary acquisition of real property
- Relocation of public or private structures
- Elevation of existing public or private structures
- Structural retrofitting and non-structural retrofitting
- Construction of safe rooms
- Vegetation management
- Protective measures for utilities
- Stormwater management projects
- Localized flood control projects that are designed specifically to protect critical facilities

Eligible applications are awarded on a nationally competitive basis

FEMA chairs a national panel to evaluate eligible proposals. PDM projects must be cost-effective, feasible, effective, and consistent with the goals of applicable FEMA-approved State and local multi-hazard mitigation plans. In addition, projects must be compliant with environmental and historic preservation laws and regulations to receive Federal funding.

PDM grants are awarded to States, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, and territories. Local governments and non-emergency management State agencies may apply to States, Indian tribes, and territories as sub-applicants. In addition, State or local governments can apply on behalf of private non-profit organizations. To receive PDM funding, applicants and sub-applicants must participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) if they have areas designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas.

PDM funding subject to Congressional appropriations

Funding is provided through the National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund and is subject to Congressional appropriations. Grant awards are subject to a 75 percent Federal/25 percent non-Federal cost share. Small, impoverished communities may receive up to 90 percent Federal funding.